

Vibodh discusses academic, DRDO develops lightweight bullet-proof jacket

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JAMMU, Apr 1: Amid huge expectations for raising the profile of prestigious Baba Ghulam Shah Badshah University (BGSBU) Rajouri, BJP State general secretary and former MLC, Vibodh Gupta today called



BJP general secretary, Vibodh Gupta during a meeting with BGSBU, Vice Chancellor at Rajouri on Thursday.

on Prof. Akbar Masood, Vice Chancellor BGSBU. During the meeting, Vibodh congratulated the VC for his new assignment at BGSBU and expressed hope that University under his leadership will achieve greater heights in academic excellence.

While highlighting various issues with regard to students and staff of the University, Vibodh raised the issue of huge admission fee, recruitment for Assistant Registrar and time bound promotions for staff and faculty members at BGSBU. Vibodh said this will boost the morale of students as well as the teachers. Such a motivation is vital to the overall growth of the institution.

On this occasion, Vibodh also advised the Vice Chancellor to

Other prominent issues which were highlighted by senior BJP leader included improvement in sports infrastructure, starting of new courses specifically Law and Political Science, implementation of Pahari reservation for recruitment in line with SC / ST reservation and improvement in transport facility for day boarders.

Vibodh very specifically mentioned the problems being faced by female students due to lack of adequate transport facilities. While highlighting the vision of PM Modi with regard to new education policy 2020, Vibodh stressed on the need for focusing on skill based and job oriented courses at the University. NEP 2020 is an excellent opportunity to move the university towards this direction, Vibodh added.

The meeting concluded with positive note from Vibodh Gupta for all his support to BGSBU so that it can become a torch bearer educational institution of the region.

Cong Corporators allege poor development in Srinagar

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SRINAGAR, Apr 1: Congress Corporators in Srinagar Municipal Corporation today alleged development deficit in Srinagar City.

The Congress Corporators in a meeting held at Party office Srinagar discuss many developmental issues concerning their respective wards and elsewhere in Srinagar district.

Many other issues of public importance also came under discussion and it was resolved to continue to fight for development of Srinagar.

The Corporators of Congress Party expressed serious concern over poor development in City wards and elsewhere in the district and urged upon the LG Administration to focus more on Srinagar's development, besides ensuring that they were able to perform their duty for which they have been chosen.

They alleged that developmental process in the district was impacted due to the delay in taking the decision with regard to developmental works. They

Do away with ‘double tax’: PDP

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SRINAGAR, Apr 1: People's Democratic Party (PDP) today urged the J&K UT administration to withdraw the directive issued regarding repayment of token tax and time limit for re-registration of non- J&K vehicles.

In a statement issue here today, party general secretary Ghulam Nabi Lone Hanjura rued the apathy shown by administration towards the common population badly affected by economic slump due to double whammy of pandemic and August 5 lock down.

"It was the 9 percent token tax levied on new cars that forced people to look for non-local cars as an option given their economic conditions. Since those cars have already paid the

Agri Extension Officer gets Appreciation Certificate from NIAEM

Excelsior Correspondent

JAMMU, Apr 1: National Institute of Agricultural Extension Management (NIAEM) has given Appreciation Certificate to Agriculture



'A Study on Entrepreneurial Behaviour of Vegetable Growers in Jammu District'.

A handout stated that NIAEM Hyderabad has appreciated the contribution of Dr. Raina in the Certified Farm Advisor (CFA) Vegetables Certification Course as Dr. Raina is the first person who successfully qualified all the three modules of CFA programme.

In Module-III of the course

give due representation to local voices in the Executive Council of University. He said this will help in further boosting various activities of the institution at local level and will give ownership of various high level decisions for the improvement of University to locals.

The DRDO has developed a lightweight bullet-proof jacket that weighs nine kg and meets the qualitative requirements of the Indian Army, the Defence Ministry said today.

Kanpur-based Defence Materials and Stores Research and Development Establishment (DMSRDE), which is one of the laboratories of the Government-run Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO), has developed this jacket, a ministry statement said.

"The front hard armour panel bullet proof jacket was



Director CAD Rajinder Singh Tara during visit to Udhampur on Thursday.

CAD Director visits Panchayats, discusses problems

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JAMMU, Apr 1: Rajinder Singh Tara, Director Command Area Development today conducted extensive tour of Udhampur district. He visited Panchayat Kashira,Charri, Kawa lower, Kawa Upper and Thanoa and interacted with Sarpanchs and Panchs about the CAD activities.

The Sarpanchs and Panchs discussed in detail about the problems being faced by the farmers of

the area regarding waterlogging and also demanded construction of field channels so that the available water can be better used for the farming activities.

The Director instructed ASCO Supwal to survey and make a detailed report of the works to be taken to mitigate the problems of the farmers. Chief Agriculture officer CAD Sanjay Verma and ASCO Supwal Sham Gupta accompanied the Director in the tour.



Members of Pvt Schools Association meeting DSEJ on Thursday.

Pvt schools representatives apprise DSEJ about their issues, demands

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JAMMU, Apr 1: During an introductory meeting with Director School Education Jammu, Dr Ravi Shanker Sharma, the representatives of Private schools of Jammu division raised a series of issues and sought redressal of the same.

The delegation, led by Kamal Gupta, President Jammu Kashmir Private Schools Association, drew attention towards mushrooming growth of unrecognized schools, Nursery/Pre -primary schools and culture of running dummy classes by the most of the private schools with the collaboration of coaching centers/tutorials.

They also highlighted misuse of Employees Conduct Rules by the Government teachers/ employees who have not only engaged in tuition centers / coaching centers but have also opened their own private schools.

The PSA also highlighted problem in Confirmation/

Countersignature of result of private schools for the academic session 2020-21 etc.

Director School Education Jammu Dr Ravi Shanker Sharma gave a patient hearing to the members and said that every possible step will be initiated by the authorities for safe guarding of all those who are solely dependent on the private schools. The Director also assured that all those Government employees, who are directly or indirectly linked with / opened any of the private school, will not be allowed to continue to perform any type of examination duties viz invigilation , cluster head , supervisor etc.

The delegation included Rameshwar Mengi (Vice President JKPSA), Ajay Gupta (General Secretary JKPSA), Sanjeev Luthra (Member Central Body), Deepak Handa (President Jammu), Thomas Oommen (Vice President Udhampur), Siddheshwar Sadotra, Kulwinder Singh (President Samba), Subash Chib and Raj Dev Singh.



IGP Jammu Zone Mukesh Singh pinning new rank to police official.

IGP confers new rank, DGP medal to police officials

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JAMMU, Apr 1: Inspector General of Police (IGP) Jammu Zone Mukesh Singh decorated five police officials who have been promoted and awarded DGP medal by the PHQ J&K.

IGP Jammu pinned the new rank to ASI (T) Naresh Kumar and HC (M) Arun Singh and decorated DGP medal to HC (T) Partap Singh, HC (M) Arun

Singh and SgCt Abhineet Singh in a function held at ZPHQ Jammu today morning.

While felicitating them, Mukesh Singh congratulated the police officials for their elevation and stressed them to work with zeal and zest in future also.

The other police officers who were present on the occasion were SO to IGP Jammu, Ashok Sharma and Inspector (P) Deshpreet Singh.

HC seeks ATR on getting deeds, documents of fraudulently acquired land nullified

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SRINAGAR, Apr 1: As the Anti-Corruption Bureau (ACB) has informed the court that the proceedings against then officials of Pahalgam Development Authority for fraudulently and dishonestly acquiring the PDA land has been quashed by the court, the Division Bench directed the Revenue Department and PDA to inform it as to what action has been taken to get the deeds and documents made by these officials with regard to said land nullified.

About the issue of investigation pursuant to the FIR No. 27/2008 the ACB counsel informed the Court that the report has been filed by the Senior Superintendent of Police, Anti-Corruption Bureau, South, Kashmir and in pursuant that report the investigation in the aforesaid FIR, had been investigated by the Anti-Corruption Bureau and it has been found that the role of the then Chief Town Planner, Kashmir Mir Naseem Ahmad appears to be a dubious one and that sometime in the year 1991, he had dishonestly and fraudulently acquired about 29 kanals and 13 marlas of land in planning Sub-Zone A-14 through oral gifts shown to have been made by donors to his close/trusted supporting employees and his associates.

Court has been informed that consequently, charge sheet was submitted and the trial court vide order dated 6th February 2016 framed the charge against the accused persons including other officials. However, on the petitions filed by two of them, the High Court had quashed the entire proceedings of the case vide judgment and order dated 16th October, 2018 and now the matter is sub-judice before the Supreme Court.

The Division Bench in view of these facts and circumstances said, nothing further is required to be considered and monitored in relation to the above FIR. Court said, as the investigation reveals that fake and fraudulent gift deeds were manipulated by the officers at the relevant time as such directed the Revenue Department and the Pahalgam

Development Authority to inform as to what action they have taken to get the aforesaid deeds nullified.

"In case they have not taken any action, they are directed to initiate proceedings in accordance with law for the cancellation of the said gift deeds as also the change of land use as may be advised to them in law and to report the action so taken to the Court", court further added.

With regard to the issue of the Master Plan which at the point of time was of the year 2005-2025 and now Master Plan 2015-2032 has been enforced. Court said, the prayer for re-framing of the Master Plan no longer survives and observed that in the overall facts and circumstances of the case, the only thing which is required to be considered by the Court is the action which has been taken or is to be taken for the cancellation of the oral gift and the change of land use as has come out in the investigation.

It is as per the pleadings before the court the then Chief Town Planner Mir Naseem, Nazir Ahmad Magrey (Assistant Town Planning Organization) and Hamid Ahmad Wani (Joint Commissioner Planning SMC) with the land mafia and influential hoteliers having nexus with the bureaucrats working in the constituted PDA designed the Master Plan for the resort to serve their personal interests.

These official as per the pleadings have dishonestly and fraudulently acquired huge land at Pahalgam which arbitrarily induced the sharp increase in the value of the land. One of the accused officials had challenged the FIR before high for quashing the same however his plea has been dismissed by the court.

According to the FIR registered with the then VOK now ACB it is the members of the Master Plan committee resorted to misrepresentation, manipulation and distortions, whereby it was proposed that sub zone be de-notified to permit construction of hutments and other facilities in Master Plan in order to achieve the mischievous design for the officials against whom FIR is registered.

Koul, Darakhshan inaugurate Hot & Wet Mix Plant

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JAMMU, Apr 1: BJP State general secretary, Ashok Koul and senior party leader and spokesperson, Dr Darakhshan Andrabi who is also Chairperson of Waqf Development Committee of Government of India today jointly inaugurated a Hot & Wet Mix Plant at Khandwal (Lalaya) in Jammu for raw material processing for road construction in J&K.

Mohammad Abdullah, Nasir Ahmad and Riyaz Ahmad jointly own the plant which has been established by the young entrepreneurs after the successful unit at Lasjan in Kashmir. The youth presented their business vision and it is hoped that they will expand their enterprising in J&K. A large gathering of youth was present on the occasion.

In his address Ashok Koul

Angurana to get Prof Ram Nath Shastri Memorial Award

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JAMMU, Apr 1: A jury comprising eminent Dogri writers unanimously selected Ashok Angurana's book of poems in Dogri entitled 'Mokla Gass Uchchi Doari' for the prestigious Prof Ram Nath Shastri Memorial Award 2021.

The Award is given every year under the aegis of Dogri Sanstha Jammu and is instituted by the family members of late Shastri. It is given to the best of the books from the publications of the authors in the past five years. The Award carries a cheque of Rs. 21,000, a memento and a shawl.

The Awardee of this year,

Ashok Angurana is a retired IAS officer, who held various prominent positions in the State and Centre, prior to his superannuation.

He has been writing prolifically Dogri poetry for the past few years and has earned name and fame in the literary circles.

The Award will be presented to Angurana on April 15, 2021- the birth date of late Shastri, in a ceremony to be held in Kunwar Viyogi Hall of Dogri Sanstha at Karan Nagar, Jammu.



Absconding rapist arrested after 3 years

Excelsior Correspondent

REASI, Apr 1: Police arrested an alleged rapist, who was absconding for the last three years, and charge-sheeted him in the court.

The arrested accused, namely Qayoom Hussain (21), son of Mohd Shafi of Mallan Bathoi, was absconding since 2018 in case FIR No 32/2018, U/S 376/199/203/109/RPC, 4 POSCO Act and 4/Infant Marriage Reservation Act 1985, registered at P/S Mahore.

He had committed rape and fled from the area. The case was registered at Police Station Mahore on the written complaint of the victim. On the basis of scientific evidences- medical examination of the woman, expert opinions of Forensic Science Laboratory and oral statements, charge sheet was produced before Sessions Court Reasi.

Govt notifies I-T returns forms for 2020-21

NEW DELHI, Apr 1:

The Income Tax Department has notified forms for filing I-T returns for 2020-21 fiscal, the Central Board of Direct Taxes said today.

"Keeping in view the ongoing crisis due to COVID pandemic and to facilitate the taxpayers, no significant change has been made to the ITR Forms in comparison to the last year's ITR Forms.

"Only the bare minimum changes necessitated due to amendments in the Income-tax Act, 1961 have been made," the Central Board of Direct Taxes (CBDT) said in a statement.

ITR Form 1 (Sahaj) and ITR Form 4 (Sugam) are simpler Forms that cater to a large number of small and medium taxpayers. Sahaj can be filed by an individual having income up to Rs 50 lakh and who receives income from salary, one house property / other sources (interest etc).

Similarly, Sugam can be filed by individuals, Hindu Undivided Families (HUFs) and firms (other than Limited Liability Partnerships (LLPs) having total income up to Rs 50 lakh and income from business and profession computed under the presumptive taxation provisions.

Individuals and HUFs not having income from business or profession (and not eligible for

filing Sahaj) can file ITR-2, while those having income from business or profession can file ITR Form 3.

Persons other than individual, HUF and companies i.e. Partnership firm, LLP etc can file ITR Form 5. Companies can file ITR Form 6. Trusts, political parties, charitable institutions etc claiming exempt income under the Act can file ITR-7.

"There is no change in the manner of filing of ITR Forms as compared to last year," the CBDT said.

For 2020-21 fiscal, the government had given taxpayers the option to choose a new tax regime under section 115BAC of the I-T Act. The new I-T slabs would be for individuals not availing or foregoing certain specified deductions or exemptions while computing total income for tax purpose.

Under this, annual income up to Rs 2.5 lakh is exempt from tax. Those individuals earning between Rs 2.5 lakh and Rs 5 lakh will pay 5 per cent tax. Income between Rs 5 and 7.5 lakh will be taxed at 10 per cent, while those between Rs 7.5 and 10 lakh at 15 per cent.

Those earning between Rs 10 and 12.5 lakh will pay tax at the rate of 20 per cent, while those between Rs 12.5 and Rs 15 lakh will pay at the rate of 25 per cent. Income above Rs 15 lakh will be taxed at 30 per cent. (PTI)

Ramban, Samba police rescues 310 bovines, arrest 4 smugglers

Excelsior Correspondent

JAMMU, Apr 1: In a major success against bovine smuggling in Ramban and Samba districts, police today rescued 261 and 49 bovine animals respectively which were being smuggled towards Kashmir valley.

Police said in a major success, Ramban police seized 15 trucks and eight Tata Mobile vehicles and rescued 261 bovine animals. These vehicles while on their way to Kashmir were stopped at different nakas for routine checking. They were found to be loaded with the bovine animals. Furthermore the vehicles carrying the bovine animals without any proper permission and in contravention of 188 CrPc were seized at different nakas including Nashri Model Naka, Chanderkote Naka and Ramban Naka on National Highway in district Ramban.

In this connection FIR No 48/2021 Us 188 CRPC / 11 PCA, FIR No 49/2021 Us 188 CRPC / 11 PCA, FIR No 50/2021 Us 188 CRPC / 11 PCA at Ramban Police Station, FIR No 26/2021 Us 188 CRPC / 11 PCA, FIR No 27/2021 Us 188 CRPC / 11 PCA FIR No 28/2021 Us 188 CRPC / 11 PCA, FIR No 29/2021 Us 188 CRPC / 11 PCA, FIR No 30/2021 Us 188 CRPC / 11 PCA, FIR No 31/2021 Us 188 CRPC / 11 PCA at Police Station Batote, and FIR No 22/2021 Us 188 CRPC / 11 PCA were registered at Police Station, Chanderkote and investigation set into motion.

Meanwhile, District Police Samba foiled attempts to smuggle bovines by rescuing 49 bovines after arresting four smugglers in three separate incidents in the jurisdiction of Police Station (PS) Purmandal and Ghagwal.

A police party of PS Purmandal while on routine patrolling in its jurisdictional area intercepted two persons at Madal moving with a herd of 23 cattle without permission which were coming from Rahya and heading towards Bajalta on foot.

The accused persons identified as Parvez Ahmed, son of Mohammad Sadiq and Aslam son of Lala both residents of Anantnag, Kashmir at present Rahya Suchani have been arrested on spot. All the bovines were rescued and shifted to safer place. In this connection, a case FIR No. 09/2021 U/S 188 IPC stands registered at PS Purmandal and investigation started.

Similarly in another incident, a police party of PS Purmandal while performing routine patrolling duty in its jurisdictional area intercepted another herd of 23 cattle at village Nandkha, near Sports Stadium, Purmandal which were coming from Rahya and heading towards Bajalta.

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A cheque of Rs 20,000 being handed over to the wife of late JKGPA member Sanjeet Singh.

JKGPA provides cash relief to late member’s family

Excelsior Correspondent

JAMMU, April 1: Jammu & Kashmir Government Pharmacist Association (JKGPA) provided a relief of Rs 20,000 to the family of late Sanjeet Singh, Pharmacist of Block Mahore (district Reasi).

The check of the relief amount was presented to Meenakshi wife of the late Sanjeet Singh by Director Health Services Jammu Dr Renu Sharma at Directorate of Health Services. The amount was contributed by

JKGPA from its fund as the deceased pharmacist was a dedicated member of the Association.

Sushil Sudan, State president J&K Government Pharmacist Association along with other members including Jamail Singh (working president), Sheikh Mehraj-ud-Din (president

JKGPA Kashmir), Bharat Bhushan Bhagat (district president), R P Singh, Yougall Bakshi, Dharminder Singh, Madan Lal Sharma and Bhanu Partap were also present on the occasion.

3 arrested for illegal mining

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SRINAGAR, Apr 1: Police today arrested three persons for their alleged involvement in illegal extraction and transportation of sand and bajri in central-Kashmir's Budgam district.

Police said that on receipt of information, a police party from Police Station Khanshabad raided the spot and seized three tractors and a JCB loaded with illegally extracted and transported sand and bajri from Shaliganga Nala Arampora.

The accused have been identified as Showkat Ahmed Sofi , Jasarat Hameed Baba and Showkat Ahmed Ganie all residents of Dreygam Kasipora Khanshabad. A case (FIR number 41/2021 under relevant Sections of law) has been registered and further investigations set in motion.